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Before amendment, claims 1-11 were present in the case. After amendment claims 3-10 and 12 are present in the case. Claims 1, 2 and 11 have been canceled, claims 3, 4 and 5 have been amended, and claim 12 has been added.

Claim 3 Allowed

The Examiner has cited that claim 3 is allowed.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claim 3 and requests that claim 3 be allowed to promptly issue.

The Objection to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they failed to show numeral 18 as described in the specification on page 6, line 24.

A corrected drawing is attached showing numeral 18 as described in the specification on page 6, line 24.

Applicant has amended the drawings as requested. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings, and allowance of the application.

The Objection to the Specification

The specification was objected to because of informalities. Specifically, the informality was that "inner" should have been --outer-- on page 5, line 1.

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The word "inner" on page 5, line 1 has been changed to read --outer--.

Applicant has amended the specification as requested to eliminate the informality. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the specification, and allowance of the associated claims.

The Objection Of Claims 2, 4, 5 and 9 for Informalities

Claims 2, 4, 5 and 9 were objected to for informalities. Particularly, in claims 4 and 5, the phrase "means for removeably securing the stud to the partition" was thought not to be described in the specification. Similarly, in claim 9, the term "additional materials" was thought not to be disclosed in the specification. Claim 2 was objected to but has been canceled.

As to claim 9, the term "additional materials" is described in the specification at page 6, lines 15-18. Particularly, the specification at page 6, lines 15-18 recites "The partition can be made of any material or materials, such as by way of example, wood, fiberglass, plexiglass, glass, metal, fabric-wrapped material, plastic, sheetrock, composite material and the like."

As to claims 4 and 5, the phrase "means for removeably securing the stud to the partition" has been recited in the specification by adding the specifics of claim 5 to the specification. Particularly, at page 6, line 18, the specification has been amended to include the sentence --Any means for removably securing the stud to the partition such as for example, without limitation, screws, nails, removable pins, adhesive, releasable adhesive, caulk, straps and the like.--.

It is respectfully requested that the objections have been corrected and that claims 4, 5 and 9 are in condition for allowance. For the reasons given above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections and allowance of claims 4, 5 and 9.

The Rejection Of Claims 1, 2 and 11 Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pollard and Guliker.

Claims 1, 2 and 11 have been canceled.

It is respectfully requested that the claims rejected have been cancelled and that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance. For the reasons given above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 and allowance of the remaining claims.

The Remaining References Made Of Record

Applicant has reviewed the additional references made of record and does not believe any one of these references taken alone or in combination would inhibit the patentability of the invention of the present application.

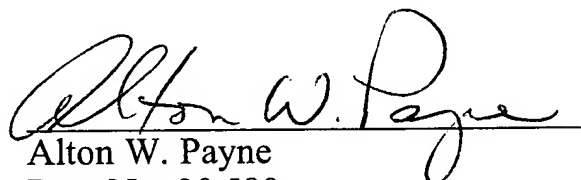
Petition For Extention Of Time

Applicant herein petitions for an extension of time beyond the shortened statutory period for response cited in the Office Action dated June 4, 2004. Enclosed herewith is an extension fee of \$55.00 for response within the first month after the shortened statutory period. The Applicant qualifies as a small business entity under 37 CFR §1.9(f) and evidence of such has been previously filed.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application are allowable. It is believed that this case is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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ATTACHED APPENDIX
CLEAN VERSIONS OF DRAWINGS,
SPECIFICATION TEXT AND CLAIMS

21 PAGES, including
1 SHEET OF DRAWING,
2 SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS,
12 CLAIMS, and
introduction pages for each.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A corrected drawing for FIG. 5 is attached showing numeral 18 as described in the specification on page 6, line 24.

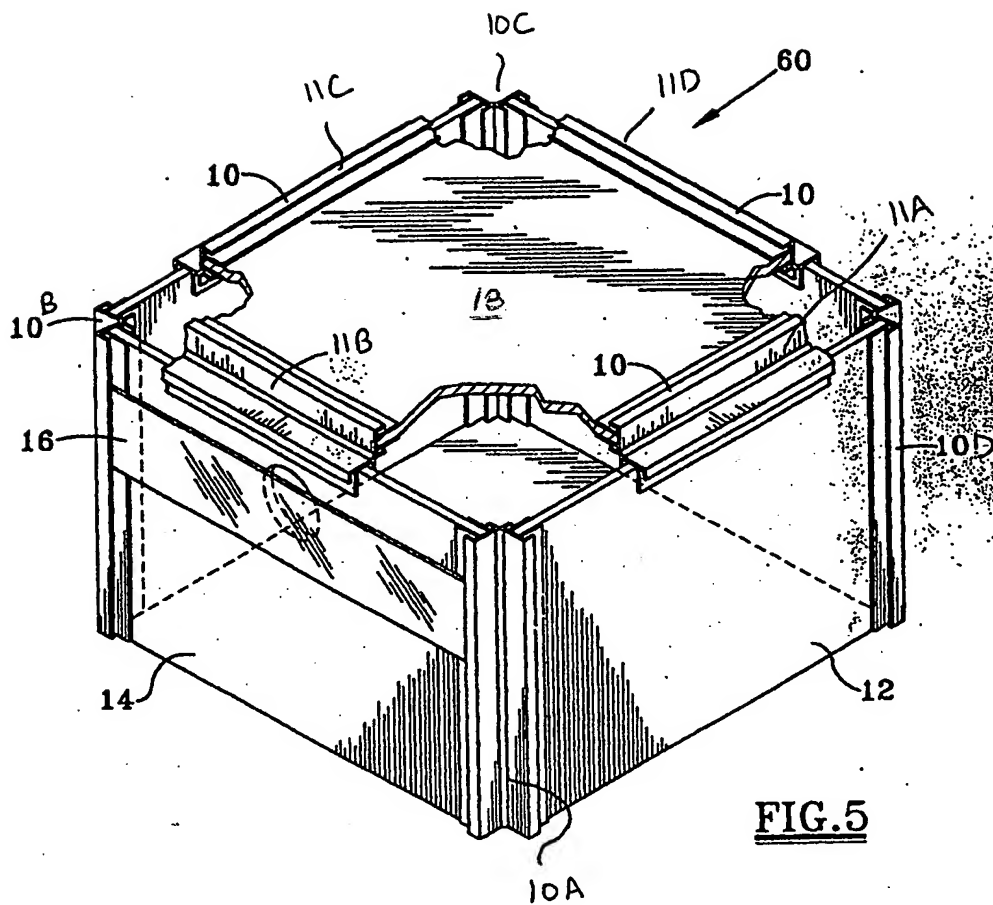


FIG. 5

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 1, please delete “inner” and insert therefore --outer--.



The second base 200 has connected thereto a first arm 202, a second arm 204, a third arm 206 and a fourth arm 208. The arrangement of the first arm 202, the second base 200 and the third arm 206 form an outer ~~inner~~ channel 212. Similarly, the second arm 204, the second base 200 and the fourth arm 208 form an inner channel 214. A center channel 216 is formed by the third arm 206, the second base 200 and the fourth arm 208.



IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, line 18, after “the like,” please add the sentence --Any means for removably securing the stud to the partition such as for example, without limitation, screws, nails, removable pins, adhesive, releasable adhesive, caulk, straps and the like.--.

Any means for removably securing the stud to the partition such as for example, without limitation, screws, nails, removable pins, adhesive, releasable adhesive, caulk, straps and the like.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 2 and 11 have been canceled, claims 3, 4 and 5 have been amended, and claim 12 has been added.

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Claim 1 (canceled).

1 Claim 2 (canceled).

1 Claim 3. The universal stud for use with demountable wall
2 partitions and demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 12 further
3 comprising

4 (a) a second base having a first end and a second end, the
5 base having sufficient structure for removably engaging
6 at least one of the demountable wall partition and the
7 demountable ceiling panel, with the second end of the
8 second base fixedly secured to the second end of the first
9 base at a predefined angle,

10 (b) a plurality of arms extending from the second base, the
11 plurality of arms comprising

12 (1) a first arm extending from the first end of the base,

13 (2) a second arm extending from the second end of the base,

14 (3) a third arm extending from the base closer to the first arm than
15 the second arm,

16 (4) a fourth arm extending from the base closer to the second arm
17 than the first arm and between the third arm and the second
18 arm, such that

19 (5) an exterior channel is defined by the first arm, the third arm
20 and the base therebetween

21 (6) an interior channel is defined by the third arm, the fourth arm
22 and the base therebetween

23 (7) an inner channel is defined by the fourth arm and the second
24 arm

25 whereby the channels receive and removeably secure at least one of
26 the demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling panel between
27 the channels.

1 Claim 4. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions
2 and demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 12 further comprising means
3 for removably securing the stud to the partition.

1 Claim 5. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions
2 and demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 4 wherein the means for
3 removably securing the stud to the partition adapted to be selected from the
4 group consisting of screws, nails, removable pins, adhesive, releasable adhesive,
5 caulk and straps.

1 Claim 6. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions
2 and demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 4 wherein one demountable
3 wall partition or demountable ceiling panel is used.

1 Claim 7. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions
2 and demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 4 wherein two demountable
3 wall partitions or demountable ceiling panels are used such that a space is
4 created therebetween.

1 Claim 8. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions
2 and demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 4 wherein three demountable
3 wall partitions or demountable ceiling panels are used such that a space is
4 created therebetween.

1 Claim 9. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions
2 and demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 7 wherein two demountable
3 wall partitions or demountable ceiling panels are used with additional materials
4 disposed in the space therebetween.

1 Claim 10. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions
2 and demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 8 wherein three demountable
3 wall partitions or demountable ceiling panels are used with additional materials
4 disposed in the spaces therebetween.

1 Claim 11 (canceled).

1 Claim 12. A universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions
2 and demountable ceiling panels comprising:

- 3 (a) at least one base having a first end and a second end, the
4 base having sufficient structure for removably engaging
5 only one of a demountable wall partition and a demountable
6 ceiling panel, and
7 (b) a plurality of arms extending from the base such that two
8 arms and the base define a channel for receiving one of the
9 demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling
10 panel,

11 wherein the plurality of arms comprises

- 12 (1) a first arm extending from the first end of the base,
13 (2) a second arm extending from the second end of the base,
14 (3) a third arm extending from the base closer to the first arm than
15 the second arm,
16 (4) a fourth arm extending from the base closer to the second arm
17 than the first arm and between the third arm and the second
18 arm, such that
19 (5) an exterior channel is defined by the first arm, the third arm
20 and the base there between,
21 (6) an interior channel is defined by the third arm, the fourth arm
22 and the base there between,
23 (7) an inner channel is defined by the fourth arm and the second
24 arm,

25 whereby the channels receive and removeably secure at least one of the
26 demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling panel between the
27 channels such that the universal stud can be oriented to accept a demountable
28 wall partition, or, can be oriented to receive at least one of the demountable wall
29 partition and the demountable ceiling panel.

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